

Preliminary Amendment
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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 13, with the following amended paragraph:

Further, patent publications disclose a Cr-activated Gd-Ga, Gd-Sc-Ga or Gd-Sc-Al garnet, a Ce or Nd-activated Y-Al garnet (Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. 04-289483), a Pr-activate cubicgarnet (US Patent 6,246,744 B1), and a Tb-containing garnet (Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication Nos. 07-149599 and 10-1396).